

Sail to new horizons with a great book this summer!

Why does Wakulla High School have a mandatory summer reading program?

Reading research shows that students who read in summer are less likely to experience a decline in their summer to fall reading achievement scores.

Research recommends reading 4 to 5 books over the summer to maintain reading skills.

Students are only **required** to read two books, although we highly encourage students to read much more. Students may earn up to five Drop Quiz coupons for each book above the requirement.

How can parents help?

Encourage your student to read for enjoyment during the summer break.

Strengthen communication and rapport with your teen by reading the same book they are and discussing it with them.

Take your teen to the library regularly and set a good example by reading every day!

All summer reading forms are available on the Wakulla High School website, www.wakullaschooldistrict.org/WHs. Click on the Summer Reading tab.

Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere.~~*Mary Schmich*

There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates' loot on Treasure Island...and best of all, you can enjoy these riches every day of your life.~~*Walt Disney*

Reading makes immigrants of us all. It takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere.~~*Jean Rhys*



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War Eagles Summer Reading Requirements

STUDENTS MUST READ TWO BOOKS

- One grade-level required book
- One book from choice book list

GRADE-LEVEL REQUIRED BOOKS:

- 9th *Dark Life* by Kat Falls
10th *The Great Wide Sea* by M. H. Herlong
11th *A Land Remembered* by Patrick D. Smith
12th *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin
OR
Nickel & Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America by Barbara Ehrenreich

GRADE-LEVEL REQUIRED BOOKS:

Students will take a multiple choice test on this book the first full week of the 2011-12 school year. Score will be recorded as a content-area reading test grade.

CHOICE BOOK:

Students will complete a one-page book report form and turn in to English teacher the first full week of school. Score will be reported as an English test grade. Choice book cannot be a title submitted for summer reading credit in a previous year.

DROP-QUIZ COUPONS:

Drop-quiz coupons will not be awarded for the two required books, but will be awarded for any additional books from the list that students read and for which they submit the required book report form. These titles cannot have been previously submitted by the student for summer reading credit.

WHERE TO FIND BOOKS:

The Wakulla High School Library (prior to the end of the school year) and the Wakulla County Public Library have a limited number of books available for summer checkout. Also, books are available for purchase from Wal-Mart in Crawfordville, Borders, Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com, etc.

A LOOK AT LIFE FROM A DEER STAND by Steve Chapman. Through his varied outdoor experiences, Chapman offers insights into the Christian life by sharing the parallels between hunting and walking with God. Spiritual Nonfiction.

BLOOD BROTHERS by S.A. Harazin. Med Tech Clay Gardner’s best friend, Joey, seemed to have it all, while Clay can’t even afford to go on to college and pursue his dream of becoming a doctor. Now Joey lies in a hospital clinging to life after he seemingly overdoses at a party. Although people are quick to assign blame, Clay knows his best friend, and will fight to find out what really happened at the party. A gritty, fast-paced mystery. Fiction.

THE BOOK THIEF by Marcus Zusak. Death first meets 9-year old Liesel at her brother’s graveside, where Liesel steals her first book. Living with foster parents near bleak Nazi Munich, learning to read opens up new worlds for Leisel. She rescues a book from a pile being burned by the Nazi’s, and then begins stealing more books from the mayor’s wife. Books sustain her during the darkest times, and it is a book she is writing herself that, ultimately, saves her life. More sophisticated readers will enjoy this searing narrative of life in Nazi Germany. Historical Fiction.

THE CHRISTOPHER KILLER by Alane Ferguson. Seventeen-year-old Cameron, aspiring forensic pathologist and daughter of a Colorado coroner, has always been fascinated with the science of death. Convincing her dad to make her his assistant, Cammie gets more than she bargained for when a serial killer’s latest victim turns out to be a friend. She soon realizes that if she’s not careful she might wind up as The Christopher Killer’s next victim. A real CSI thriller. Forensic Mystery.

COPPER SUN by Sharon M. Draper. Fifteen year-old Amari is stolen from her village and sold to the highest bidder. Despite unimaginable horrors and humiliations, a spirit of hope drives her struggle to survive. Will she ever be able to find Fort Mose in Spanish St. Augustine, Florida and the freedom her heart desires? A brutal and historic story of the African slave trade in America. Historical Fiction.

CATCHING FIRE by Suzanne Collins. The travails of rebel Katniss Everdeen and the dystopian nation of Panem continue in this action-packed sequel to The Hunger Games. Sci-Fi Fantasy.

GERM by Robert Liparulo. This fast-paced thriller explores the grim possibilities of germ warfare with an Ebola virus designed to target specific victims by matching their DNA. A sophisticated read. Medical Sci-Fi.

GIRL IN TRANSLATION by Jean Kwok. An inspiring tale of a young immigrant Chinese girl’s journey from hardship to triumph in pursuit of the American dream. Realistic Fiction.

GRACELING by Kristin Cashore. An exciting tale of a warrior girl whose uncle, the king, forces her to torture his enemies. Katsa rebels by forming a secret council to fight his tyranny. Fantasy.

GYM CANDY by Carl Deuker. When high-school football player Mick Johnson decides that vitamin supplements aren't enough, he begins purchasing "gym candy," or steroids, from the trainer at his local gym. This book has plenty of exciting on-field action and locker-room drama, as well as an insightful look into the problems of getting involved in steroid use. A great read for anyone who enjoys football. Sports Fiction.

HIPPIE CHICK by Joseph Monninger. Lolly is a careful and competent sailor, but one afternoon her normally peaceful sail turns disastrous, leaving her badly injured. Just as time is running out for Lolly, a trio of manatees comes to her rescue. The Florida teen forges a bond with these amazing creatures in this gripping story of survival and enlightenment. Realistic Fiction.

THE HOOPSTER by Alan L. Sitomer. Andre Anderson lands his dream internship at a magazine. When he's finally given the chance to write a feature article, he's viciously attacked. Now everything he ever believed in is called into question. Will the racially motivated attack change Andre? Will his friends and family be able to stay committed to their deeply-held values in the wake of such brutality? Realistic Fiction.

HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET by Jamie Ford. During WWII in Seattle, two youths fall in love. The problem is that Henry’s Chinese and Keiko is Japanese. Anti-Japanese hysteria is rampant, and Keiko’s family is forced to move to a wartime interment camp. As it moves back and forth between the 1940’s and modern times, this tale of timeless devotion gives an insightful look at a time in history that many Americans have forgotten. Historical Fiction.

INCANTATION by Alice Hoffman. Set in the 1500’s this tale of loyalty and betrayal makes history immediate. Estrella discovers that her family is Marrano, Jews forced to live a double life as Catholics during the Spanish Inquisition. Catalina, jealous of her cousin Andres’s love for Estrella, betrays her best friend and her family. A story that combines the historical facts of horrifying religious persecution with the resilience of the human spirit and its capacity for love. Historical Fiction.

KEEPER by Mal Peet. How did El Gato become the best soccer player in the world? A mystical fast-paced sports story that explores family relationships, poverty, and rainforest ecology. Supernatural Fiction.

THE LAST THING I REMEMBER by Andrew Klavan. First book in the Homelander series. How does a normal teen like Charlie West wake up in a blood-spattered torture chamber, and how did he get there? The last thing he remembers was just a typical high school day. Fiction.

POP by Gordon Korman. Newcomer Marcus Jordan becomes friends with Charlie, a man who loves football, and joins him at the park as Marcus gets ready for football tryouts. Charlie’s love of pranks gets Marcus in trouble. As tryouts begin, life with Charlie and his son, Troy, the high school star quarterback, gets very complicated. Just what is this family’s secret, and why do they hate Marcus? A great football story, and an interesting look at family and team relationships. Fiction.

PURPLE HEART by Patricia McCormick. When Private Matt Duffy wakes up in a hospital in Iraq he’s awarded a Purple Heart. However, Matt’s head injury prevents him from remembering exactly what occurred during the firefight. Will he ever find out what really happened? Realistic Fiction

RUNNER by Carl Deuker. When a marina employee offers to pay him \$250 a week to pick up packages at a tree along his running route, Chance is deeply suspicious, but desperate enough to accept this opportunity to pay the bills. An enticing adventure of crime, class, ineffective parenting, and a teen’s questions about an uncertain future. A fast-paced story with a gripping climax complete with SWAT teams, terrorists, and heroism. Fiction.

SHIFT by Jennifer Bradbury. The summer after graduating from high school, two best friends embark on cross-country bike trek, but only one returns. What happened after their fight? Where is Winston? Why doesn’t Win’s father or the FBI agent believe that Chris doesn’t know what happened to his friend? A compelling story of friendship, personal growth, and loyalty. Mystery.

SHIVER by Maggie Stiefvater. Grace is mysteriously drawn to a wolf that appears in her yard. Is he the one who saved her life when she was little? Lions and tigers and bears-no werewolves! Fantasy.

SLEEPING FRESHMEN NEVER LIE by David Lubar. Scott Hudson has one goal for his freshman year in high school: to survive! A hilarious look at how one freshman finds his niche in a year of homework, high school activities, friendships and family. Fiction.

SOLD by Patricia McCormick. It’s difficult to believe in this modern age, but every year 12,000 girls from poor Nepalese families are sold into sexual slavery. This is the award-winning account of one girl, 13-year old Lakshmi, who survives this nightmare, risking everything to reclaim her life. Realistic Fiction.

THE SUMMER I TURNED PRETTY by Jenny Han. Summer has always been the most special time of year for Isabel, aka Belly, and her just-like-a-brother friends, Jeremiah and Conrad. The story of a beach house, summer love, and forever friendships. Fiction

STAYING FAT FOR SARAH BYRNES by Chris Crutcher. A formerly obese boy and a scarred girl share a true friendship built on years of being outcasts together. When Sarah is committed to a mental hospital, Eric knows he must fight to save her. Realistic Fiction.

SUNRISE OVER FALLUJAH by Walter Dean Meyers. Birdy and his fellow civil affairs soldiers are in-country to help stabilize the new government while successfully interacting with the Iraqi people. However, their good intentions are quickly replaced with terms like ‘survival’ and ‘despair’. The richly-drawn characters begin to have a deeper understanding of the realities of war in this look at Operation Iraqi Freedom and daily life in a war-torn country. Realistic Fiction.

WARRIORS DON'T CRY by Melba Pattillo Beals. The story of Melba and her friends, transformed into reluctant warriors when they integrated Little Rock, Arkansas’s Central High School in 1957. A riveting true story of faith and courage against seemingly insurmountable opposition. Narrative Nonfiction.

Our summer reading program is designed to entice teens to read. In order to engage their interest and to provide a spur to critical thinking, the book selections include a variety of topics and issues. Please recognize that this is a reading program of choice. Not every book selected will suit every student, so students should choose the book(s) that best suits them.

